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Spanish Short Stories For Beginners: 8 Unconventional Short Stories To Grow Your Vocabulary And Learn Spanish The Fun Way!



Synopsis

Improve your comprehension, grow your vocabulary, and ignite your imagination with these eight unconventional Spanish short stories! In this book you will find: Short stories from a variety of compelling genres, from science fiction and crime to history and thriller, so you'll have great fun listening while learning a wide range of new vocabulary! Stories broken down into manageable chapters, so you always make progress with the story and feel a sense of achievement without great difficulty listening! Realistic amounts of new vocabulary, so you're not overwhelmed by complex words. Instead of pausing to look up every word, you'll absorb new vocabulary from the context of the story and have the satisfaction of that moment when you say, "I totally understood that sentence!" Carefully written Spanish using straightforward grammar that is comprehensible for beginner and intermediate-level learners. You'll enjoy listening and learn new grammatical structures without feeling overwhelmed or frustrated. Plenty of natural dialogue in each story, so you can learn conversational Spanish while you listen and improve your speaking ability at the same time! Regular plot summaries, comprehension questions, and word reference lists, so help is always on hand when you need it. You'll be able to focus on enjoying listening and having fun rather than fumbling around with dictionaries and struggling through dense text with no support. A five-step plan for hearing the stories in this book the smart way. These step-by-step instructions show you exactly how to make the most out of the book and maximize your learning! Spanish Short Stories for Beginners has been written especially for students from beginner to intermediate level. The eight captivating stories are designed to give you a sense of fun while listening, so you can enjoy Spanish again!

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Customer Reviews

The first Spanish volume in this series is not nearly as full of mistakes as the other volumes in the series. In fact, I suspect that the Spanish volume was the prototype on which the others were based. Even so, there are still some sloppy errors that need to be cleaned up. For example, one of the expressions highlighted in a story is "es de mucha de utilidad." But as the glossary itself shows, the correct expression is "es de mucha utilidad." In a later story the author writes "El robusto pirata y Carlos anduvieron varios pasos lejos de los demás. Frank y Susana disimulaban." There are several problems here. The verb that collocates with "paso" (step) in Spanish is "dar." In other words, dar un paso means to take a step. This is important because a learner is tempted to translate literally and say "tomar un paso" since we take steps in English. The second problem is the translation of "disimulaban" as "disguised" -- which makes no sense and is not what it means here. It means "pretended not to notice" or "acted as if nothing were wrong." Disimular is certainly a verb that needs glossing, but it should be glossed correctly! Inappropriate glossing is one of the main problems with this book. Instead of teaching the reader to recognize cognates, the book tends to gloss words whose meaning is obvious and often fails to gloss terms that are anything but clear. For example, I initially misunderstood the following sentence: Silvia era una mujer muy inteligente y pensaba siempre que había problemas, nunca solía ponerse demasiado nerviosa." I took this to mean "Silvia was a very intelligent woman and always thought that there were problems; she never got too nervous.

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